

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A device for sealing a substance in a container, said container having a base and a cylindrical wall extending upwardly from said base, said wall including an inner surface ~~being of~~ having an inner diameter, said device including:

a circular disk, said disk having an inner surface and outer edge, the diameter of said outer edge being smaller than the diameter of said container wall inner surface; and

a flexible seal perimeter, said seal perimeter having a side wall extending outwardly and upwardly from said disk outer edge, said side wall having including at least three sections and an outer edge, said side wall including at least one section of said wall sections extending outwardly and angularly to said disk at a first angle and at least one of said wall sections extending angularly to said disk at a second angle[;], and a lip extending generally horizontally from said side wall outer edge, the diameter of [[the]] said lip being greater than the diameter of said disk inner surface, wherein upon insertion of said device into said container, [[the]] said side wall is caused to flex to allow for said larger lip diameter[,], and said lip frictionally engaging the engages said inner surface of said container wall, whereby a sealed device and container wall interface is provided, said sealed interface being maintained during non-vertical and inverted orientations of said container.

Claim 2. (Previously presented) The device of claim 1, wherein said side wall extends angularly upwardly from said circular disk.

Claim 3. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1, wherein said side wall outer edge diameter is greater than the diameter of [[the]] said inner surface of ~~the can~~ said container wall.

Claim 4. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1, wherein said side wall ~~is of~~ has an arcuate shape.

Claim 5. (Canceled)

Claim 6. (Currently amended) The device of claim ~~[[5]]~~ 1, wherein at least one ~~section~~ of said wall sections extends outwardly from said disk at a smaller angle than the other two wall sections.

Claim 7. (Currently amended) The device ~~as in any one of the above claims further of~~ claim 1, wherein said device including includes a handle to enable ~~for the~~ insertion and removal of said device from ~~the can~~ said container, said handle extending upwardly from said disk.

Claim 8. (Currently amended) The device of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 7, wherein said handle defines a cavity, ~~said handle being~~ and is compressible.

Claim 9. (Currently amended) The device claim 8, wherein said handle is in fluid communication through ~~[[the]]~~ said disk outer edge, wherein compressing ~~[[the]]~~ said handle causes at least some of the air in said container to be evacuated from said cavity and by ~~the lip~~ said seal perimeter, and subsequent release of ~~[[the]]~~ said handle causes a partial cavity that aids in the sealing of ~~[[the]]~~ said device in ~~[[the]]~~ said container.

Claim 10. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1, wherein said substance ~~[[is]]~~ comprises paint.

Claim 11. (Currently amended) A device for sealing paint in a can, said can having an inner wall, said device including:

a flat circular disk having an upper and a lower surface, said device intended for fitment within said can, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ said lower surface presents a flat surface for seating on the paint when said can is generally vertical, said disk including a circular side wall, said side wall including a first section that ~~extending radially angularly~~ extends upwardly and angularly from said disk at a first angle, a second section that extends outwardly from said first section and a third section that extends outwardly and angularly from said second section at said first angle, said third section ~~said side wall having an arcuate profile and~~ including an outer horizontal rim adapted to contact ~~[[the]]~~ said can wall, said rim having a perimeter diameter that exceeds the inner wall diameter of ~~[[the]]~~ said can.

Claim 12. (Currently amended) The device of claim 11, wherein said rim perimeter exceeds the inner wall diameter of ~~[[the]]~~ said can by ~~an amount of some~~ at least approximately 1.0 percent.

Claim 13. (Currently amended) The device of claim 11, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ said circular side wall extends radially angularly upwards at an angled rise ~~[[of]]~~ not less than 10 percent of the ~~can internal~~ inner wall diameter of said can.

Claim 14. (Currently amended) The device of claim 11, wherein said device includes ~~[[a]]~~ control means for positioning said device in said can, said control means being capable of functioning ~~[[both]]~~ as a handle to ~~assist~~ facilitate insertion and removal of ~~[[the]]~~ said device into and from said can and as a squeeze chamber to ~~assist with~~ facilitate air expulsion from said can during said insertion of ~~[[the]]~~ said device.

Claim 15. (Currently amended) The device claim 14, wherein said control means includes a raised cross-sectional mid-portion carried to the extremity of ~~[[the]]~~ said flat underside of ~~[[the]]~~ said device in the form of two raised rib members.

Claim 16. (Previously presented) The device of claim 11, wherein said device is made from moulded thermoplastic plastics.

Claim 17. (Previously presented) The device of claim 11, wherein said device is made from transparent material.

Claim 18. (New) The device of claim 11, wherein upon insertion of said device into said can, said rim frictionally engages said can inner wall, whereby a sealed device and can wall interface is provided, said sealed interface being maintained during non-vertical and inverted orientation of said can.